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Paragraphs

A. GENERAL

90. Illicit traffic in drugs: Yes.

Illicit cultivation, harvesting, manufacture; diversion from licit channels

91a-97b. No.

Smuggling

98a-b. Opium, morphine and heroin were smuggled from the "Golden Triangle" area through Thailand and Malaysia into Singapore. Cannabis was smuggled in from Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Trafficking

99. "Ant" traffickers continued to obtain their supplies of cannabis and limited quantities of heroin across the causeway from Malaysia. A significant number of these traffickers were drug addicts themselves.

100a. Drugs seized in 1983:

	Weight/quantity
Opium	48 kg 271 g
Morphine	26 g
Heroin	2 kg 263 g
Other opiates (Dihydrocodeine)	211 doses
Cannabis	43 kg 966 g
Cannabis resin	12 kg 342 g
Non-barbiturate sedatives and tranquillizers:	
- methaqualone	15 doses
- flunitrazepam	1 643 doses

100b. -

Prices and purity of illicit drugs

101a-b

Wholesale (per kg):	S$	US$*/
Heroin No 3 (purity: 30-40%)	19 000 - 20 000	8 911 - 9 380
Raw opium	1 800 - 2 400	844 - 1 126
Morphine	23 000 - 26 000	10 787 - 12 194

*/ Rate of exchange: S$ 1 = US$ 0.469

Retail:	S$	US$*/
Heroin No 3 (in drinking straw - purity 30-40%	20	9.38 per 0.05 g
Opium (in packet)	5 - 7	2.35 - 3.28 per 1 g
Cannabis (in roll)	5	2.35 per 1.2 g
Flunitrazepam (Rohypnol)	2 - 2.50	0.94 - 1.17 per dose

101c. No.

101d. Diluents used: Caffeine.

Prosecutions

102. 4 047 persons were arrested and 815 prosecuted in connection with the following drugs:

	Number of persons arrested	Number of persons prosecuted
Opium	284	84
Morphine	9	6
Other opiates	14	14
Synthetic narcotics	1	1
Heroin	3 514	531
Cannabis and cannabis resin	192	140
Non-barbiturate sedatives and tranquillizers	33	29

103a-b. Age group: mostly between 20 and 34 years. Occupations: predominantly unemployed or labourers. The drug primarily involved was heroin.

104a-b. Nationals of Australia, Federal Republic of Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sweden, Thailand and the United States of America were involved with regard to the drugs seized.

B. ORGANIZATION OF ENFORCEMENT

105. Organizations responsible: Central Narcotics Bureau, Police Department and Customs Department.

106. Specialized units: Central Narcotics Bureau.

107. Co-ordination: Central Narcotics Bureau.

108a. The office ensuring liaison forms part of the services responsible for the National Central Bureau of ICPO/Interpol.

108b-c. No.

109a-b. Direct liaison is maintained with ICPO/Interpol, with the ASEAN Narcotics Liaison Office stationed in Indonesia, and with Narcotics Law Enforcement Agencies of ASEAN Members and of other countries.

Suggestions

110a-b. -